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load, high-pitched, unrestrained laughter; acreech suggests an acreame of carp. 1, 1 a person who screams *2. [Slang] a sensational headline 3. Printing [Slang] an exclamation point 4. any of a primitive family (Anhimidae) of long-toed, gooselike S. American wading birds scream ing (in) add 1. that screams care in the control of the c



ing or threaded like a screw, as a jackscrew or screw propeller 3. a) anything that spirals or twists like the thread of a screw b) the act of spiraling, twisting, or moving like this 4. [Slang] a prison guard 5. [Chiefly Brit.] a bit of tobacco, etc. (in a twist of paper) 6. [Chiefly Brit. Colloq.] a) a stingy person; miser b) a crafty bargainer c) a worn-out horse 7. [Brit. Colloq.] a salary—ut. 1. to twist; turn; tighten 2. a) to fasten, make secure, tighten, insert, etc. with or as with a screw or screws b) to put together or take apart with a screw or screws b) to put together or take apart with a screw one's face up/4. to make stronger; intensify (often with up) 5. to force or compel, as if by using screws 6. [Slang] to practice extortion on; cheat; swindle 7. [Slang] to have sexual intercourse with—ui. 1. to go together or come apart by being turned or twisted in the manner of a screw /a lid that screws on/ 2. to be fitted for being put together or taken apart by a screw or screws 3. to twist; turn; wind; have a motion like that of a screw 4. to practice extortion—have a screw loose [Slang] to be eccentric, odd, etc.—put the screws on (or to) to subject to force; exert pressure on, as in exacting payment; coerce—screw up [Slang] to make a mess of, as by ineptness; bungle; foul up rscrew-ball (skroo'bôl') n. 1. Baseball a ball thrown by a right-handed pitcher that curves to the left 2. [Slang] a person who seems erratic, irrational, unconventional, or unbalanced—adj. [Slang] peculiar; irrational rescrew bean 1. the spirally twisted pod growing on a mesquite tree (Prosopis pubescens) of the SW U.S., often used for fodder 2. this tree

**screw bean 1. the spirally twisted pod growing on a mesquite tree (Prosopis pubescens) of the SW U.S., often used for fodder 2. this tree screw driver (driver) n. 1. a tool used for turning screws, having an end that fits into the slot in the head of the screw \(^{\frac{1}{2}}\) 2. a cocktail made of orange juice and vodka screwed (skr\) ddi. 1. having threads like a screw 2. twisted 3. [Chiefly Brit. Slang] drunk screw eye a screw with a loop for a head screw hook a screw with a hook for a head screw jack same as Jackscrew (Pandanus) of SE Asian, monocotyledonous trees and shrubs of a family (Pandanaceae) having daggerlike leaves and, often, prop roots screw propeller see PROPELLER screw thread the helical or spiral ridge of a screw *screw worm (skr\) of venum 'n. a larva of any of several American flies (genus Callitroga) that infests wounds and the nostrils, navel, etc. of animals, often causing illness screw y (skr\) of of a ddi. screw'i-er, screw'i-est [Slang] \(^{\frac{1}{2}}\)1. mentally unbalanced; crazy \(^{\frac{1}{2}}\)2. peculiar, eccentric, or odd in a confusing way \(^{-\frac{1}{2}}\) screw'i-ness n. Scria-bin (skry\)2/ben; E. skr\)6 zhin), A-lek-san-dr (Nikolayevich) (\(^{\frac{1}{2}}\)1 yik s\(^{\frac{1}{2}}\)1. of scribes. or writers 2. arising scrib-al (skr\)1/ben di. 1. of scribes. or writers

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scrib-al (skri'b'l) adj. 1. of scribes, or writers 2. arising
from the process of writing [a scribal error]
scrib-ble (skrib''l) vt., vi. -bled, -bling [ME. scriblen <
ML. scribillare < L. scribere, to write: see SCRIBE] 1. to
write carelessly or illegibly 2. to cover with or make
meaningless or illegible marks 3. to compose hastily,
without regard to style —n. 1. illegible or careless handwriting; scrawl 2. meaningless marks 3. an inferior literary
work

without regard to style —n. 1. illegible or careless handwriting; scrawl 2. meaningless marks 3. an inferior literary work scrib-bler (.lər) n. a person who scribbles; specif.. a) a person who writes illegibly or carelessly b) a hack writer; inferior and unimportant author scribe (skrīb) n. [ME. < L. scriba, public writer, scribe, in LL.(Ec.), doctor of the Jewish law < scribere, to write < IE. *skeribh < base *(s)ker., to cut, incise, whence shear] 1. a professional penman who copied manuscripts before the invention of printing 2. a writer or author 3. a person learned in the Jewish law who makes handwritten copies of the Torah 4. a person employed by the general public to write letters, etc. 5. a pointed instrument for scoring stone, brick, wood, etc. to show where it is to be cut: also scrib'er —v. scribed, scrib'ing 1. to score (wood, bricks, etc.) with a scribe 2. to mark (a line) with a scribe —vi. to work as a scribe Scribe (skrēb), Au gus tin Eu gène (ō güs tan' ë zhen') 1791-1861; Fr. dramatist & librettist scrim (skrim) n. [< ?] 1. a light, sheer, loosely woven cotton or linen cloth, used for curtains, upholstery linings, etc. \$2. a hanging of such cloth used in theatrical productions either as an opaque backdrop or as a semitansparent curtain, depending on the lighting scrim-mage (skrim'ij) n. [altered < SKIRMISH] 1. a rough-and-tumble fight; tussle; confused struggle \$2. Football a) the entire play that follows the pass from center when the two teams are lined up b) football practice in the form of actual play between two units c) short for LINE OF SCRIMMAGE 3. Rugby same as SCRIMMAGE —vi.—maged,—maging to take part in a scrimmage—scrim'mag.er n.

scrimp (skrimp) vi. [prob. < Scand., as in Sw. skrympa, to shrink, akin to OE. scrimman, G. schrumpjen < IE. root *(s)kremb-, to turn, twist, shrink] 1. to make too small, short, etc.; skimp 2. to treat stingily; stint —vi. to be sparing and frugal; try to make ends meet; economize—adj. curtailed; scanty—scrimp'er n.

skimpy; scanty; meaging adv.—scrimp'in acrim-shaw (skrim' livery, etc., done esparticle so made, or scarve (shells, bone, etscrip' (skrip) n. [ME. [Archaic] a small bagscrip' (skrip) n. [continue, list, receipt, etc paper 3. a certificat of stock b) a tempore goods, land, etc. 'kc) as currency, as by a depression 'x4. paper dollar, formerly issue Scrips (skrips), Edv newspaper publisher scrip-sit (skrip'sit) after the author's na skimpy; scanty; meag after the author's na acript (skript) n. [M neut. of scriptus. p 1. a) handwriting; or figures c) Printwriting, with the 1 written document; or a copy of the tex show —vt. [Colloq.] Script. 1. Scriptura scriptus: see SCRIPT monastery for copy scripture (skriptus: see SCRIPT) l. orig a) the sacred writing Testament of the (and New Testame 4. a) any sacred writing the scriptus as authoritative an script-writ-er (skriptus as authoritative an script-writ-er (skriptus as authoritative an script-writ-er (skriptus as continus of scrobis. a CBiol. pitted or furnascrod (skräd) n. strip: for base see sp. one split and scrof-u-la (skräfyings of the neck glithe swollen condit lymphatic glands, enlargement of the scrof-u-lous (-las) 2. morally currup scroll (skrol) n. [N of rolle, ROLL) < escroue: see ESCRI

scrimshaw

parchment, paper writing or pictur ancient book in transcript 3. a roster /the scroll thing having the unrolled or loosel an Ionic capital, neck of a violin, scroll saw a thin, spiral or ornamer scroll saw a thin, spiral or ornamer scroll-work (-wa scrolls 2. orname scrooch, scrooch (Colloq); to croux Scrooge (skrooj) acter in Dicken miserly misanth scroop (skroop) or grate —n. [Discotum (skrotbase see Shred]

base see SHRED]
holding the test
scrouge (skrouj,
scruze: prob. ech
to crowd, squee:

scrounge (skronaltered < prec.)
hunting around
to take withor
(around) for sor

fat, āpe, cār; ten, o for a in ago, e is ii, Fr. duc; r, Fr